

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 1710

FOR HABIB AND NOOTER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ECON, EAID, PFOR, SY  
SUBJECT: SARG REQUESTS FOR CCC CREDIT PURCHASES OF AGRICULTURAL  
COMMODITIES

REF: A. DAMASCUS 7594 (76), DAMASCUS 1709

1. AS A RESULT OF OUR EXCHANGES OF MESSAGES ON THIS  
SUBJECT LAST FALL--THE LAST OF WHICH WAS REF A.--THE  
SARG HAS DEVELOPED AND MADE A REQUEST FOR CCC CREDIT  
FINANCING OF THE COMMODITIES REPORTED IN REF. B.  
I HOPE FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SARG  
REQUEST FOR SUCH CREDIT SALES AND PARTICULARLY THAT WE  
AGREE TO A THREE YEAR CREDIT. ALTHOUGH THE FINAL QUANTITIES  
TO BE AGREED UPON MAY NOT BE EXACTLY IN THE AMOUNTS  
REQUESTED (REF. B.--PARTICULARLY THE WHEAT FLOUR) BECAUSE  
THE CCC PROGRAM FUNCTIONS ON A FISCAL YEAR BASIS, IT IS CLEAR  
THAT THE SARG, PARTICULARLY MINISTER IMADI, HAS DEVELOPED ITS  
REQUEST ON THE BASIS OF OUR EARLIER DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH  
WE CLEARLY POINTED OUT (REFERRING TO GUIDANCE FROM YOU  
IN STATE 264175, PARA 5) THAT THREE-YEAR PAYMENT COULD BE  
ARRANGED.

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2. BESIDES THE DESIRABILITY OF SELLING TO SYRIA ON A  
COMMERCIAL BASIS THROUGH THE CCC PROGRAM, I BELIEVE IT IS  
ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE MADE THE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN  
THE USG AS EASY AND SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE IN SUPPORT OF  
DR. IMADI'S INITIATIVE.  
MURPHY

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